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Letter dated 11 February 1994 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter dated 3 February 1994 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. F. Botha, regarding the registration of the African National Congress (ANC) and the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) as political parties in South Africa.

I should be grateful if the text of the enclosed letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) V. R. W. STEWARD
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 3 February 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 47/29 of 25 November 1992 entitled "Observer status of national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and/or by the League of Arab States" as well as to General Assembly resolution 48/159 B, entitled "Elimination of apartheid and establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa: programme of work of the Special Committee against apartheid".

Paragraph 7 of resolution 48/159 B reads as follows:

"7. Also decides to continue to authorize adequate financial provision in the regular budget of the United Nations to enable the African National Congress of South Africa and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania to maintain offices in New York so that they may participate effectively in the deliberations of the Special Committee against Apartheid and in deliberations relating to the situation in South Africa in other relevant United Nations bodies, on the understanding that such grants will continue until the situation of the two organizations as political parties has been regularized."

The Transitional Executive Council decided on 2 February 1994 to change the date for the commencement of South Africa's general election from 27 April 1994 to 26 April 1994. Special votes will be cast on 26 April, while 27 and 28 April have been set aside as election days. In accordance with section 21 (1) of the Electoral Act 1993, President F. W. de Klerk proclaimed the election dates on 2 February 1994.

In accordance with section 21 (2) of the Electoral Act, the election shall be deemed to have commenced on the date of the proclamation of the election by the State President, while section 19 (1) provides that all parties intending to contest the election should register as such not alter than 10 days after the proclamation thereof. Consequently, the African National Congress of South Africa and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania will register as official political parties on or before 12 February 1994. The African National Congress already launched its official election campaign on Saturday, 29 January 1994.

Since the requirements of paragraph 7 of resolution 48/159 B have been met, I assume that, in order to demonstrate the impartiality of the United Nations, it will be implemented with immediate effect.

(Signed) R. F. BOTHA